

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 3, line 3 of the specification:

Lactobacillus ONRIC b0240 (FERM BP-10065) is to be classified as *Lactobacillus pentosus* because of a method disclosed in “Francoise Bringal, et. al., International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology (2005), 55, 1629-1634” which was issued after the present application was filed.